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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE AFTER FINAL REJECTION

This is FINAL Office Action in response to the January 14, 2003.

Kindly enter the following amendments:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Claims 1 - 5 Cancelled.

Claim 6 (second currently amended). An optical fiber array apparatus comprising

a housing,

a front mask coupled to said housing and having a matrix of fiber seating openings therethrough, each said opening having